

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Turkish Hazel
Corylus columa

This deciduous tree is native to southwest Asia and southeast Europe. The Turkish Hazel is about 80 feet tall at maturity, and has oval, double-toothed leaves. The leaves are downy on the veins and turn yellow in autumn. The bark is gray and corky. Pendulous male catkins are up to 3 inches in length, yellow and drooping. The Turkish Hazel has an edible nut enclosed in a deeply lobed husk. This tree is found in shady mountain forests.

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Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

With the great weather this fall, it's hard to imagine that winter is looming just around the corner. Now is the time to get large trees pruned and prepared! Be sure to have any dead, decayed or diseased branches removed to prevent failure. Also, be sure to have your trees inspected to identify and eliminate hazards. Remember, all work should be done by an ISA Certified Arborist, and trees should NEVER be topped! This is also the time to replenish the organic mulch around your trees. Mulch protects root systems from harsh winter temperatures and provides necessary nutrients in the spring. Remember to keep the organic materials 4-6 inches from the trunk to prevent crown rot and insect damage. For additional information on pruning or mulching, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE (8733). - Sarah

NUCFAC Grants Available

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) has approximately \$1 million in grant funds to be awarded through the 2001 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. Grant requests for any amount will be considered. Any non-federal organization, operating within the United States or its territories, may apply. The grants must be matched dollar for dollar with non-federal funds, in-kind donations, volunteer assistance, and private or public monetary contributions. Pre-proposals must be received (not just postmarked) by December 12, 2000, and will be reviewed by February 9, 2001. Finalists will be asked to submit a more detailed proposal by April 3, 2001. If you have questions, or would like to apply for the 2001 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program, call Suzanne M. del Villar at (209) 536-9201. A complete grant announcement and pre-proposal cover sheet are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

ISA Fall Events

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture has great educational events planned for November. *Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation* will be held in Nelson, British Columbia, on November 9th. *Understanding Slopes and Slope Stability* will be held in Seattle on November 14, and *Managing Native Forest Remnants* will be in Portland, Oregon, on November 21. For more information on these, and other PNW-ISA events, visit www.pnwisa.org. You can also reach the Chapter by phone at (503) 874-8263.

Pruning Class at CUH

The University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH) is hosting a class on Rehabilitative Pruning. Cass Turnbull, ISA Certified Arborist and Founder of Plant Amnesty, will be the instructor. The first part of the course will be at CUH on Wednesday, November 15th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The second part will be a demonstration on Saturday, November 18th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will teach methods for previously mal-pruned (topped, over-thinned, sheared) trees and shrubs. The fee is \$28 for general public and \$26 for Arboretum Foundation Members. For more information, contact CUH at (206) 685-8033 or on the Internet at <http://depts.washington.edu/urbhort/>.

Free Millennium Trees for Washington Communities

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is joining forces with the Washington Community Forestry Council and the Washington Arbor Day Council to present the "Trees for the 21st Century" program. With funding provided by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, "Trees for the 21st Century" encourages individuals and groups to plant and maintain more trees — in neighborhood greenbelts, along roads, near creeks and streams, in parks, school yards, and other public places. Five tree species are being offered for their cultural or historical significance to the state; they are the Western Redcedar, Paper Birch, Kousa Dogwood, Western Hemlock, or the Ginkgo. By participating and caring for these trees, you and your community will provide a living legacy for current and future residents. **Due to the source of funding for this program, only cities, counties, schools and other public groups can receive free trees. If you are a private individual, please find a public partner. These trees must be planted on public property.** Participating groups may purchase one of the listed trees at a local nursery and submit their receipt for reimbursement. Details are listed on the website at <http://www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/arbor/21st/arbor1.htm>, by e-mail at urban_forestry@wadnr.gov or by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

In the works (continued)

"Holy mother Earth, the trees and all nature, are witnesses of your thoughts and deeds."

-Winnegabo saying

TRIVIA: How many trees should you plant to offset your vehicles' CO₂ production if you drive 10,000 miles and get 30 miles to the gallon??

(answer is upside down below)

(Visit American Forests' on-line calculator at www.americanforests.org to learn more about how trees help balance our auto emissions.)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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PSURP Grants Available

The Puget Sound Urban Resources Partnership (PSURP) announces the availability of funding and technical assistance for community-led environmental projects in the urban Puget Sound area. PSURP seeks to support local, community-based efforts to improve the urban natural environment by pooling available resources, leveraging funding and building sustainable partnerships, with a focus on degraded and under served areas. See <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/partners/> or call King County DNR at (206) 296-8042 for details.

2001- A Green Odyssey

The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals and the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association are co-hosting 2001- A Green Odyssey Leadership Conference, January 4-6, 2001. The conference will be held at the Rosario Resort on Orcas Island. Registration is \$265. For information or to register, contact 1-800-833-2186.

Washington Turf and Landscape Show

The Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association is sponsoring the 2000 Washington Turf and Landscape Show. The show will be December 4-6, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. For registration information, call Paul Backman at (360) 705-3049 or visit www.wwgcsa.org.

Free Wood Chips

Many Washington utility companies have an abundance of wood chips available for the public. These chips are produced as trees are pruned or removed to make utility corridors safe. Most utilities offer these chips free to the public, and they can be useful for community groups, boy scouts, environmental groups, parks, schools and area service groups. These chips are great for trail projects, mulch, composting, playgrounds, erosion control, farms, etc. If you are interested in woodchips, please contact your local utility and inquire about their availability.

Guide for Plant Appraisal. 9th Edition. Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers, 2000. This is the definitive book for appraising damage to trees, and has been updated in many areas. The changes include new methodology with the established procedures for trunk formula and replacement cost appraisals. There are many other procedural changes, although many of the familiar sections are still included. Also recently published is the new Guide for Plant Appraisals Workbook. The Guide and Workbook are available through the International Society of Arboriculture Pacific Northwest Chapter. The cost for the Guide is \$90 for non-members and \$72 for members. Contact the PNW-ISA for more information at (503) 874-8263.

November

- 1 Tree Line USA Applications due. Contact Sarah Foster at (360) 902-1704 for more information.
- 8 Tree City USA Forum, Woodinville. Contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.
- 21 Managing Native Forest Remnants, Portland, Oregon. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

December

- 13-14 High Desert Tree & Turf Show. Bend, Oregon. Contact Katie Kause at (541) 447-5658.
- 14 Understanding Slopes and Slope Stability, Seattle. PNW-ISA (503) 874-8263 or at www.pnwisa.org
- 29-30 Utility Vegetation Management Conference. Wilsonville, Oregon. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for more information.
- 31 Tree City USA applications due. Contact the Urban and Community Forestry program at 1-800-523-8733 for an application.

January

- 13 ISA Certification Exam, Seattle, WA. Register by December 28. Contact PNW-ISA.
- 15 Community Forestry Assistance Grant Applications available. Call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE to receive your copy.